Assembly Bill No. 2827

CHAPTER 105

An act to add Section 487i to the Penal Code, relating to property crimes.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2827, Sharon Runner. Property crimes: public housing authority: fraud.

Existing law categorizes the crime of theft into 2 degrees: petty theft and grand theft. Under existing law, grand theft is committed when the money, labor, or real or personal property taken is of a value exceeding \$400.

This bill would specify that anyone who defrauds a housing program of a public housing authority of more than \$400 is guilty of grand theft. By creating a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 487i is added to the Penal Code, to read:

487i. Any person who defrauds a housing program of a public housing authority of more than four hundred dollars (\$400) is guilty of grand theft.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.